



This monthly newsletter provides information on meetings, conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, please contact Maria Castain (415) 972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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Tribal Program Newsletter

When a man moves away from nature his heart becomes hard. (Lakota)

Meetings and conferences

Aug 8-12 7th Annual National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), Lac du Flambeau, WI

This year a two-track training option will cover the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For additional information go to <http://www.nathpo.org> or call NATHPO at (202) 628-THPO.



Aug 15-18 Renewable Energy for Tribal Community Development Workshop, Golden, CO

The Department of Energy, Department of Interior, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory invite you participate in this workshop aimed at providing information on renewable energy as a means toward community development. The workshop is being offered under the Native American Energy and Mineral Institute (NAEMI) as one of a series of courses on the fundamentals of energy and minerals management on trust lands. For more information, contact Lizana Pierce (303) 275-4727 or go to the following Web site: https://hagrid.mines.edu/outreach/cont_ed/tribal_pgp.html



Aug. 28 National Recycling Coalition's 24th Annual Congress and Exposition, Minneapolis, MN

Learn how Native American reservations are implementing composting programs to divert waste, save on waste disposal costs, and reinforce cultural traditions

and values. Tribal representatives will share their successes and lessons learned on starting up and operating various scales of composting programs, from backyard to commercial composting. There is a \$35 registration fee for this workshop. For more information, contact Dolly Tong, Tribal Solid Waste & Pollution Prevention Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 5, phone (312) 886-1019, tong.dolly@epa.gov

Sept 18-21 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Baltimore, MD

The 2005 Forum is jointly cosponsored by EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment. The Forum is an annual event designed to bring together public health and environmental officials from states, tribes, and other interested parties to present and discuss issues related to assessing and managing potential health risks associated with dietary exposure to bioaccumulative chemical contaminants. To register for the Fish Forum, go to the registration section on the Fish Forum Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/forum/2005>



Oct 5-7 Nevada Indian Agricultural and Environmental Summit, Reno, NV

The theme of this year's summit is learning how to "maximize your net profit" thru natural resources. If you are an individual, tribe or agency who deals with either agricultural and/or natural resources on an Indian Reservations, please consider attending this summit. For registration information, contact Staci Emm at (775) 945-3444.

Oct 24-25 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), Coarsegold, CA

Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Oct 26-28 13th Region 9 Annual Tribal/EPA, Coarsegold, CA

This conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria. For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633, email selizondo@chukchansi.com or visit the following Web page: <http://www.chuchansigold.com/epa>

Nov. 2-4 2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO

This uniquely-designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8 will feature environmental issues facing the west including tribal brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, and rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 Web site:

<http://www.brownfields2005.org>, or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at coursen.rob@epa.gov.



Mar 26-29 21st International Conference on Solid Waste, Philadelphia, PA

Researchers, educators, government officials, students, consultants, managers, community leaders, and others with expertise in solid waste are invited to submit papers for oral presentation at this conference. For more information, please call or write the office of Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, Conference Chair, Department of Civil Engineering, Widener University, 1 University Place, Chester, PA 19013-5792 U.S.A (610) 499 4042 4461, solid.waste@widener.edu. The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 30, 2005.



Jan 24-25 Tribal Relations Symposium for Executive Leaders, Fort McDowell, AZ

The symposium topics will range from historical background, trust responsibilities, laws and regulation, to cultural sensitivity and effective communication in order to build more effective relations among agencies, executive leaders and American Indian Tribes in Arizona and New Mexico. It will culminate with a listening session to allow Tribal leaders and members to share feedback and continue the exchange of information with the Federal and State executive leaders. If you have any questions or need further information, you may contact Ms. Kathy Pedrick, Symposium Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management at (623) 580-5568.

May 7-11 5th National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

The conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council and will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. EPA and USGS are members of this council. The conference will provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. If you would like to submit an abstract, have questions about the conference, or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com or call (410) 356-8993 or visit their Web site at <http://www.nwqmc.org>. Abstracts must be received no later than September 16, 2005.

Training



Sept 21-22 Wellhead Analytic Element Model (WhAEM)

The purpose of the training is to teach tribes to use a computer-based ground-water flow modeling system to develop Source Water Assessment Plans (SWAP). This training will be hands-on and will use the WhAEM program to delineate source water protection areas. This is a follow-up course to July's SWAP training held in Sacramento, CA. The course is sponsored by EPA Region 9. For more information, please call Jamelya Curtis (415) 972-3529 or email curtis.jamelya@epa.gov

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Aug. 10-12 Environmental Compliance Inspection Program, Denver, CO

Aug.30-Sept 2 Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) Level 3, Flagstaff, AZ



Sept 13-16 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality, Lawrence, KS



Sept 19-23 Emissions Inventory, Flagstaff, AZ



Oct 11-14 Education Outreach for AQ Professionals, Flagstaff, AZ



Oct 12-14 Dataloggers, Las Vegas, NV



Oct 18-21 Reviewing State Title V Permits, Green Bay, WI



Nov 14-18 Air Pollution Technology, Las Vegas, NV

As with most ITEP courses ITEP will pay for participants travel and lodging as well as reimburse them for their per diem expenses. For more information, please contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 (phone); (928)-523-1266 (fax) or <http://www.nau.edu/itep>

Research Training Institute



Aug 15-17 RTII 353, Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls, Washington, DC



Aug. 16-18 RTII701, Stack Testing & Data Analysis, Dallas, TX



Aug. 30-31 RTII 354, Advanced Polychlorinated Biphenyls Workshop, Washington, DC



Sept 13-14 CERCLA Orientation and Remedial Investigations,

For more information, please call (706) 951-5685 or visit <http://www.RTII.org>

American Indian Air Quality Training Program

More courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information, call Lee Anderson (702) 784-8264 or visit their site: <http://www.nau.edu/itep>

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Aug. 1-4 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

The above course provide tribal leaders and representatives with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their role in leading and directing their tribes in developing and implementing comprehensive emergency management systems. For more information, call Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, or email linda.straka@dhs.gov

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for August 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Aug 9-11 Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC



Aug 10 CST 207, Administrative Hearings and Trials, Kansas City, KS



Aug 11 CST 303, Pleading and Litigating Civil Penalties, Kansas City, KS



Sept 13-15 CST 109, Basic Inspector Training, Denver, CO

Nov 1-3 Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) courses, presented by Judith Lee of Environmental Planning Strategies, provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. If you have any questions, the course point of contact is Arthur Totten (202) 564-7164; fax: (202) 564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov

NETI, in cooperation with EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, is pleased to present a new Web-based class, "Introduction to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program and Basic UST Inspector Training Courses" (UST 901). These courses are designed to meet the training requirements for inspectors under EPA Order 3500.1. They orient new employees, provide refresher training, and supplement annual training for the UST program. Topics include preparation for field inspections, on-site equipment inspections, compliance records review, purpose and goals of the UST program, history of the UST program, financial responsibility requirements, and the federal UST regulations.

Also, the most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. For more information on how to register, go to <http://www.netionline.com> and click on the Catalog and Schedule button. Start class in your own office!

Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants

will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Inter Trial Council of Arizona (ITCA)



Aug. 8-12 UST Operations and Maintenance Training and Examination--Module III, Niagara Falls, NY



Sept. 12-16 AIUST Inspector Certification Module III--Operations and Maintenance Training and Examination, Green Bay, WI

To obtain more information on the above course, please call Carl T. Jeffries at (602) 258-4822

Asset Management, Rate Analysis and Benchmarking Workshops

In August and September the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with Southern Illinois University, will conduct six sets of workshops on asset management and rate analysis and two on benchmarking. All sessions are free to participants. Managers, staff, decision-makers of these systems, consultants and assistance providers should take advantage of these training opportunities. Using these strategies could mean tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue or reduced costs to small systems and millions to medium and large systems. To register or to learn more about the workshops go to <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/oac/rmi-catalog.htm> or call the Natural Resources Department at (800) 361-4827.

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Training for Tribal Professionals



Aug.2-Sept 2 IAQ Training for Tribal Professionals, Bois Forte, MN.

The American Lung Association Health House Program is conducting "Hands-On" training for tribal professionals. This 5-day session is geared toward cold climate practices. By attending, you will learn to investigate and remediate IAQ problems in tribal homes. Future sessions covering hot/humid, hot/dry, and mixed climates will be held between July 2005 and run through 2008. There is

no cost for this training. For more information or to register, go to:
<http://www.healthhouse.org/TribalTraining/Index.asp>

Grants and loans

The Western Regional Office Web site includes lots of useful funding information. For monthly summaries of funding opportunities and other funding resources, go to:
http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html



Nonprofit Innovation

The Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation is given each year to a nonprofit organization that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves. The award is accompanied by a first-place prize of \$20K and two runners-up prizes of \$2.5K each. To be considered, the programs must further the mission of the organization; have specific and measurable outcomes; exemplify innovation by demonstrating a "new dimension" of performance; have made a difference in the lives of the people they serve; and serve as a model that can be replicated or adapted by other organizations. Responses are due August 12, 2005. For more information, go to: <http://www.cgu.edu/pages/2417.asp>



Gardens and Kids

The Western Growers Charitable Foundation invites organizations in AZ and CA to apply for Growing-with-Children grants to fund a school garden. Selected schools will receive a grant of up to \$1.5K for gardening, gardening supplies, and a gardening curriculum. Responses are due September 1, 2005. For more information, go to:
<http://www.wga.com/public/active/siteBuilder/showPage.php?id=164>



CAL/EPA Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Funding

The Cal/EPA Secretary has established the EJ Small Grants Program to assist eligible community-based, grassroots, non-profit entities with federal Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) status, and federally recognized Tribal governments to address EJ issues as authorized by California Code of Regulations Title 27, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 1. However, organizations that are tax-exempt under the 501(c) (4) section of the federal Internal Revenue Code, and individuals are not eligible for grant funding. The EJ Small Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in grant funds are available for this grant cycle. Projects may be funded with a maximum amount of \$20,000 per project. Application deadline is October 14, 2005. For more information or to obtain an application package, please visit
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/SmallGrants.htm>

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones, (916) 263-0466 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov or visit <http://www.housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/>



Tribal Education Outreach on Lead Poisoning

EPA is soliciting grant proposals from Indian tribes to support tribal education outreach and to conduct a baseline assessment of tribal children's existing and potential exposure to lead. EPA is awarding grants which will provide approximately \$1.2 million to Indian tribes to perform those activities and to encourage Indian tribes to consider continuing such activities in the future. All grant proposals must be received on or before August 15, 2005. Grant proposals must be submitted by mail. For more information contact Darlene Watford, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460-0001; Phone (202) 554-1404. EPA Region 9 should contact David Tomsovic, Toxics Office, Phone (415) 972-3858.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Integrated Regional Water Management Grants

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be awarding \$380 million to California public agencies and California non-profits for:

- Programs for water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency;
- Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management;
- Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands;
- NPS pollution reduction, management, and monitoring;
- Groundwater recharge and management projects;
- Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment technologies;
- Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation, and improvement of water quality;
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property; and improve
- water quality, storm water capture and percolation; and protect or improve wildlife habitat;
- Watershed management planning and implementation; and
- Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods.

The first round of implementation funding has passed. The second round of implementation funding is expected to be \$220 million with an announcement in late 2006 to early 2007. The maximum grant is \$50 million for implementation projects, with a minimum 10% match except in special circumstances for disadvantaged communities.

SWRCB and DWR encourage regional application packages that are based on integrated Regional Water Management Strategies rather than independent applications. While Tribal governments cannot apply directly, they can apply as part of regional applications submitted by a California State public agency. In addition, a California non-profit can apply directly. For additional information, contact Tracie Billington (916) 651-9226, tracieb@water.ca.gov, or go to <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>.

Patagonia

The Patagonia Environmental Grants Program supports grassroots environmental work in communities where the outdoor clothing and gear company does business. Grant range generally from \$3K to \$8K. Proposals accepted in April and August 2005. For more information, go to: http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml.

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes.

Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or <mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov>

USDA Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

USDA RUS has \$16.4 million in infrastructure grant funds available in FY05 under their Native American Grants Program. Grant funds are available only after RUS has assessed the capacity of the recipient to accept loans as applicants are expected to borrow the funds they can afford to repay. Ratios vary from 100% loan to 100% grant funding, with a cap of \$1 million in grant funds. The use of RUS loan funds in conjunction with RUS grant funds, as well as funds from other sources, is strongly encouraged whenever feasible to maximize the investment in Indian Country. Contact your local USDA RUS office for more information and to apply for funding. For information on state contacts and engineering report and environmental review application requirements, visit the following Web sites.

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2005funding.htm>

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs/Bul%201780-2%209-10-03.pdf>

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/pdf/1794-602A2.PDF>

Indigenous Leadership

Ecotrust requests nominations for the Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership. This award, funded by the Peter and Howard Buffett families, recognizes outstanding individuals in the field of conservation and community development within the Pacific salmon territory of North America. Individuals are eligible if they are First Nation or tribal members, over 35 years of age, and work or have worked with an indigenous organization or community within the Pacific salmon territory of North America. A \$25K cash award will be presented to an individual whose activities demonstrate durable qualities of leadership to improve the social, economic, political, and environmental conditions in his or her homelands. Four honorees will receive a \$2.5K cash award. Responses are due September 30, 2005. For more information, go to:

<http://www.fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/1976/buffett> .

California Bay-Delta Authority science grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://www.calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsab-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program awards grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level.

CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.

The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September. For more information concerning grant opportunities at the California endowment please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials, please go to: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm or call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859.

Miscellaneous items



The new issue of the Tribal Waste Journal: "Tribal Composting Nourishes Land and Tradition", is now available on the Web and in printed form. The new Tribal Waste Journal is posted at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/tribal/pdf/twj-4.pdf> Call 1 (800) 490-9198 for copies.

Federally Recognized Indian Tribes Eligible to get Internet Domain Name Suffix

A cooperative agreement between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Indian Affairs eGovernment initiative will allow federally recognized Indian tribes to participate in a program that will provide a domain name suffix identifying the tribe on the Word Wide Web as a government entity. A tribe's domain name suffix will include a dash, the letters nsn and the .gov designation. The nsn acronym stands for native sovereign nation, when combined with www and the tribe's name it will

look like: <http://www.tribesname-nsn.gov>. For more information, please contact Paul Marsden, e-Government Officer at (703) 390-6308.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is available to provide training to tribal governments on the investigation of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415)972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Corporation for National and Community Services

The AmeriCorp has volunteers that are available to work with tribes. For more information, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.nationalservice.org/partners/become/americorps.html>

Lead Hazards

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a tribal-based environmental protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Please feel free to browse and download any of these products. Also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at <http://www.tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>.

The Penobscot Indian Nation has developed a curriculum in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Continuing Education program for 3- 4th graders which encourages students to look out for lead hazards as well as steps to take to minimize exposure to lead. This product is available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to download the manual in PDF formats <http://www.tbep.net/MotherBear/index.htm>. For more information, please call (617)-918-1524 or fax (617)-918-0524.

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are visual and easy to understand. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

National Coastal Condition Report (NCCR)

EPA is releasing the second NCCR, updating the first report issued in 2001. The information is based on four years of sound, EPA-sponsored consistent monitoring data from 23 coastal states, NOAA, USGS and USFWS. It serves as a continuing foundation for the EPA's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. The NCCR II will help environmental managers identify existing and emerging problems, establish quantifiable trends, and evaluate their coastal environmental programs. Hard copies of the report are available by calling 1-800-490-9198 and requesting EPA publication # 620/R-03/002. Copies can be printed from the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2/>

EPA Region 2 Proposed Outreach

EPA seeks to conduct outreach to Indian Nations with regard to pollution prevention, specific to health care systems. With this in mind Region 2 has hired Diane Buxbaum, M.P.H. Environmental Scientist. To initiate this outreach, Diane proposes to contact the Tribal/Indian Nation clinics and hospitals and IHS facilities directly. For instance, are there any lifeways that may be of interest to hospitals regarding waste management? For example, mercury-containing thermometers, blood pressure devices and gastric tubes. Diane Buxbaum can be reached at (212) 637-3919

Humboldt Bay Environmental Technology Hostel

This will be a first-of-its-kind environmental technology hostel to be built and operated in cooperation with Hosteling International – SA, Humboldt State University, the City of Arcata, and the Center for Environmental Economic Development and the Ford Foundation. The hostel is designed for the study, research and teaching of sustainable design and environmental technology. One of its objectives is to provide a replicable and adaptable model for hostels and communities throughout the world. Go to <http://www.ceedweb.org/arcatahostel> for more information.

2005 SW NAFWS Natural Resources Youth Practicum

To obtain an application kit for the 2005 SW Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Native American Natural Resources Youth Practicum, please email John_Antonio@fws.gov

Job openings



The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut is looking for a new administrator (director) for their environmental department. Salary is approximately \$75k-\$100k, depending on experience. Applicants should submit their resumes to Dale White, General Counsel, via fax at (860) 862-6122 or via email at dwhite@moheganmail.com



The Campo Indian Reservation of the Campo Kuymeyaay Nation has an opening for a Director. This person will supervise technicians, administrative staff; and technical and legal consultants; prepare reports to Tribal officials and the General Council on a regular basis; assist with the preparation and submittal of grants; prepare and submit technical and grant reports; prepare departmental budget; and represent the department in national, regional and local meetings, conferences. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Please submit your resume to Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906. This notice expires September 1, 2005



The Northern Arizona University has posted a vacancy for the Director of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. The deadline for applications is August 11, 2005. If interested, please submit an application through the Human Resources department at Northern Arizona University and attach a current resume, salary expectations and names, addresses and phone numbers of three current professional references. For more information, go to <http://www.hr.nau.edu/m/job/301/317/555011>.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has an opening for an environmental specialist in water quality. Please submit your resume to SRPMIC – Human Resources Dept., 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. This position will remain open until filled.

The Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program has an opening for a circuit rider in Indian Country on the Navajo Nation. Tasks include, but are not limited to, program capacity building, tank removal oversight, providing compliance assistance to Underground Storage Tank owners/operators and tribal environmental staff, data collection and maintenance; and providing leaking underground storage tank (LUST) investigations and support. In general, help support Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) program objectives. This unique opportunity is for individuals age 55 and over support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through a grant sponsored by the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC). No fees are involved. Benefits include vacation, holiday, sick leave pay & health insurance. Computer skills required. Visit <http://www.nowcc.org> for detailed information and how to apply or call Connie Peyton, NOWCC SEE Program, (303) 238-0022.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

Please visit the tribal resource Web page at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>



New web pages:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/indianwaste.html>



Also, Fort Independence success story up on the main waste page:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/features/fortindependence/index.html>